Docket No.: 1619.1003

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Yuichi ARITA et al.

Serial No. 09/513,855

Group Art Unit: 2128

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Filed: February 25, 2000

Examiner: Chang, Sunray

For:

DEVICE AND METHOD FOR DISPLAYING BODY SECTION AND MEDIUM FOR

STORING A PROGRAM REGARDING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND STATEMENT ON SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted for filing with an RCE being filed concurrently herewith. This Preliminary Amendment, further, is responsive to the FINAL Office Action mailed November 30, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on February 28, 2005. A Petition for a three-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to May 2, 2005 (April 30, 2005 being a Saturday).

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.